Transfer of collectors in Kerala

2099. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have asked for details of the transfers of all Collectors in Kerala before their completion of at least two years posting in the same place;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Chief Minister has criticised this directive as a blatant and unnecessary interference in the administration of the State and violation of constitutional provisions; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Recently, the Department of Personnel & Training as cadre controlling authority for IAS sent a request to all State Govts. including Kerala for sending certain information regarding postings and transfers of IAS officers as District Collectors.

(c) and (d) No communication in this regard has been received from the Chief Minister of Kerala. However, a report on the subject attributed to the Chief Minister, Kerala was carried in 'the Hindu' of 19th July, 1988. The Deptt. Personnel & Training in a letter to the Editor of the Hindu and published in that paper on 21st July, 1988 clarified the facts in order to set at rest all doubts on the subject.

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Target of 10,000 MW of nuclear power

2101. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are Government's plans for achieving the target of 10,000 MW of nuclear power by the end of the country;

(b) what progress has been made so far in this regard;

(c) what will be the total cost of the project; and

(d) what are the plans to meet ecological and environmental dangers, because of the setting up of these nuclear power stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Currently six units are in operation with a total capacity of 1230 MWe. Eight units of 235 MWe each are under various stages of construction with two units each at Narora in Uttar Pradesh, Kakrapar in Gujarat, Kaiga in Karnataka and Rawatbhata in Rajasthan. On completion of these projects, the installed capacity would go upto 3110 MWe. Work on four more units of 235 MWe and six units of 500 MWe each is targetted for commencement during the 7th plan period. Six more units of 500 MWe each are also being planned for commencement during 8th plan period to raise the installed nuclear power capacity to about 10,000 MWe by the turn of the century.

(c) The total capital expenditure envisaged in the execution of the 10,000 MWe programme as per the Nuclear Power Profile is about Rs. 14,000 crores at 1983 prices.

(d) Protection of ecology and environment has always been given utmost importance during all stages of setting up of